

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[(CA-067-1430-00); CACA-22644]

Notice of Realty Action; Classification of Public Lands for Conveyance Under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act; and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: A preliminary examination of the following described lands in Imperial County, California, has found the lands suitable for conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

San Bernardino Meridian

- T. 11 S., R. 9 E.
 Secs. 2,4,6,10;
 Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Secs. 14,22,24,26;
 T. 11 S., R. 10 E.
 Secs. 6,8,18,20,28,30,32,34;
 Secs. 22 and 26; portions lying west of Hwy 86
 T. 12 S., R. 9 E.
 Secs. 2,4,6,8,10,12;
 Secs. 14 and 18; portions lying north of Hwy 78
 T. 12 S., R. 10 E.
 Secs. 2,4,6,8,10,12;
 Sec. 9, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Secs. 14 and 18; portions lying north of Hwy 78
 T. 12 S., R. 11 E.
 Sec. 6; portion lying west of Hwy 86
 Sec. 18; portion lying north of Hwy 78 and west of Hwy 86

Containing 21,000 acres, more or less.

This classification action is in response to an application filed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). California State Parks proposes to use the lands to expand the Ocotillo Wells SVRA, a facility for off-highway vehicle recreational use and activities. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation activity is presently taking place on the subject lands. The intent of California State Parks is to allow the existing OHV recreation activity to continue as it presently occurs on the same existing roads and trails. Although California State Parks intends to only develop a minimum number of new trails and routes of travel, new connecting roads and trails would be constructed to facilitate circulation and emergency access. California State Parks would improve the existing operation of the subject lands by providing sanitary

facilities, which include toilets, and trash bins. Additional improvements would include signage and protection of resources. A small service yard may be necessary to meet maintenance needs.

The lands are in a checkerboard area of ownership, restricting BLM's ability to effectively manage the lands and protect the resources. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The lands are not needed for Federal purposes.

Conveyance of the lands will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States (26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
4. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.
5. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed classification of the lands to the Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1616 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the lands, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Comments are also being requested to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, and to determine the scope of the issues that need to be analyzed in the environmental assessment.

A public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 1997, 7:00 pm to

9:00 pm at the BLM, El Centro Resource Area Office, 1661 South 4th St., El Centro, CA, 92243.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynda Kastoll, Realty Specialist, at the above address, or telephone (760) 337-4421.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Thomas F. Zale,

Acting Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-930-1430-01; N-54046]

Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification; Nevada**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates R&PP Classification N-54046. The termination of this classification is for record-clearing purposes. The subject lands will remain segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, due to an overlapping segregation for disposal by exchange.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Termination of the classification is effective upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon DiPinto, BLM Las Vegas District Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, NV 89108, 702-647-5062.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 13, 1990, the Clark County School District filed an application with BLM for a middle school site pursuant to the R&PP Act. On May 10, 1992, the lands requested were classified suitable for lease/conveyance under the act. The school was not constructed and the applicant withdrew their application by letter dated October 1, 1996. Pursuant to the R&PP Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), the regulation contained in 43 CFR 2091.7-1, and the authority delegated by Appendix 1 of the Bureau of Land Management Manual 1203, R&PP Classification N-54046 is hereby terminated in its entirety for the following described land: